



Pinal Regional Coordinator Report – January 2009

Quality First! is Arizona's voluntary quality improvement and rating system for early care and education programs serving children birth through age 5. The purpose of *Quality First!* is to improve the quality of early care and education so young children can begin school safe, healthy and ready to succeed.

Distribution List – In the coming months there will be a substantial amount of work to be done on behalf of children prior to statewide release of funding. Much of the work involves informing programs, agencies, and the public of funding available to programs who work with children 0-5 years old. It is for this reason that I'm requesting contact information on individuals you believe would be interested in FTF funding within our region.

Communications Update - Regional Press Release Attached

Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair Meeting - The meeting is confirmed for February 5 from 10-3 pm; Phoenix area. The location will be determined in January and a letter will go out to all the chairs and vice chairs.

First Thing First Summit – A save the date on the summit went out in December. Please hold April 26-28 2009, for the second First Things First Summit, location TBD.

State Board Meeting - January 27, 2009 Yuma – Arizona Western College

Community Awareness Meetings:

January 14, 2009 – Central Maricopa & Northeast/Southeast Maricopa (1:00pm – 3:00pm)
Desert Banner Hospital, Rosati Education Center (Saguaro Room)
1400 S. Dobson
Mesa, AZ 85202 (Parking available in the 1432 garage)

January 16, 2009 – Apache Junction Library (1:00pm – 3:00pm) – Apache Junction
Apache Junction Library
117 N. Idaho Road
Apache Junction, AZ 85291

January 21, 2009 Oracle School District Office (10:00am – 12:00pm) – Oracle

Oracle School District

725 N. Carpenter Dr.

Oracle, AZ 85623

January 23, 2009 – Casa Grande Library (1:00pm – 3:00pm) – Casa Grande

Casa Grande Library

449 N. Dry Lake Street

Casa Grande, AZ 85222